

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 8, 2011
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Scott Greenberg, AICP, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Planning Commission 2011

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Planning Commission with some information on several work items for 2011.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The major work program item for the Planning Commission in 2011 is the review and evaluation (“update”) of Burien’s Comprehensive Plan as required by RCW 36.70A.130. Our last significant review and evaluation occurred in 2003.

The Plan review should include several categories of evaluation and possible changes:

1. Updating to reflect/incorporate mandatory changes in State statutes, PSRC’s Vision 2040 and King County Countywide Planning Policies.
2. Updating to reflect/incorporate optional changes in State statutes, PSRC’s Vision 2040 and King County Countywide Planning Policies.
3. Updating to reflect/incorporate other locally desired changes.

To provide the Commission with a common and strong foundation in state, regional and county level planning, we are proposing to have several presentations over your next two meetings. On February 8th, I will start by discussing the GMA followed by Rocky Piro from the Puget Sound Regional Council presenting information on Vision 2040. At your next meeting (either February 25 or March 8), we will provide information on the King County Countywide Planning Policies.

We are using several checklists to help with our Plan review and evaluation, measuring our current Plan against changes the GMA, Vision 2040 and Countywide Planning Policies. At your next meeting, we will present some of our preliminary thoughts on the scope of the update. We will also be asking the Commission for assistance with evaluating our Plan using the checklists.

As part of the Plan update, several “functional plans” will also be updated: Transportation Master Plan, Drainage Master Plan and the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan). The Commission will not be heavily involved with these three plans, but you should be aware of them and their need to coordinate with the Comprehensive Plan.

VISIONING

The City’s visioning process officially began on February 1st with the first meeting of the Steering Committee. Commission Chair Clingan is a member of the Steering Committee and can provide periodic updates to the Commission. There will be multiple opportunities for public involvement in the visioning process. A copy of the visioning process graphic is attached.